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June 23, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, June 30, 2005, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft May 26, 2005 Minutes

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

2. Approve Draft minutes of the May 26, 2005 meeting.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.\* Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report

MAG is starting the process to develop the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program. This TIP is tentatively targeted for approval in July, 2006. The first step in the TIP process is the distribution of the TIP Guidance Report (TGR), which was developed to act as a guide to decision makers

6. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP Guidance Report.

to facilitate programming of transportation projects in the region. Most of the technical information provided by the regional management systems on safety, bridge conditions, transit vehicle needs, intermodal projects, and congestion levels has been updated where appropriate. Information is also provided on air quality conditions, Title VI and Environmental Justice factors and congestion management strategies. The TGR also contains the application forms for MAG Federal funds and represents the formal request for projects for addition to the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP. A copy of the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG TGR will be sent out at a later date.

7.\* Proposed Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Highway Projects

Following approval of the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP on November 25, 2003, a project has been identified that needs to be added to the TIP to allow it to proceed during the current fiscal year. A multi-use path project on the Consolidated Canal: 8th St to Lindsay Rd. in Mesa was awarded Transportation Enhancement funds in a prior year but was inadvertently declared as being underway in a previous TIP. The project is now ready to proceed, but needs to be re-added to the current TIP. This project is regarded as an exempt project for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Please see the table in Attachment One for further information.

8.\* Approval of the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (include city and privately funded projects) must be included in

7. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to amend the FY 2004-2007 Transportation Improvement Program to re-add a multi-use path project on the Consolidated Canal: 8th St to Lindsay Rd. in Mesa to FY 2005.

8. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve the FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent on a finding of air quality conformity.

the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. The Draft FY 2006-2010 TIP was approved by Regional Council, in April 2005, to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. A copy of the necessary documents were made available prior to a public hearing scheduled earlier this month. A copy of the draft TIP is included in Attachment Two for review and possible action by the committee. Minor changes that do not affect the air quality conformity analysis on the Draft TIP are listed separately in Errata Sheet 06-5, which will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

9. MAG Regional Transportation Plan Draft 2005 Update

The Draft 2005 Update of the Regional Transportation Plan was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2005. The modifications included in the 2005 Update focus on changes to the phase in which certain projects will be constructed. The changes proposed in the Draft 2005 Update apply to the RTP that was adopted by the MAG Regional Council on November 25, 2003; and amended on June 23, 2004. The proposed changes have also been reflected, as appropriate, in the Draft FY 2006-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. An air quality conformity analysis has been conducted on the Draft 2005 RTP Update and Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public hearing was conducted on June 16, 2005 for the Draft 2005 RTP Update, the Draft FY 2006-2010 TIP, and the air quality conformity findings. Please see the materials in Attachment Three.

9. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the MAG Regional Transportation Plan Draft 2005 Update.

## ITEMS TO BE HEARD

### 10. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Final Year Closeout

On April 27, 2005, the MAG Regional Council approved the deferral of 15 projects, totaling almost \$13 million, from FFY 2005 to 2006, or later. At their May 30, 2005, meeting, the TRC recommended approximately \$20 million in projects for the funds expected to be available for the FFY 2005 Closeout, including the funds released by the deferred projects. In addition, the TRC recommended almost \$5.6 million in contingency projects. On June 11, 2005, the Management Committee added two further projects for \$848,700 in CMAQ funds to the contingency list. These projects are for any additional, supplemental or redistributed obligation authority that may be received.

Since that time, three other projects, totaling \$2.7 million have requested to be deferred, which effectively reduced the list of contingency projects to five, totaling \$3.7 million. At the forthcoming meeting, TRC members will have the opportunity to add to the list of recommended contingency projects that can utilize the final FFY 2005 Closeout funds that may become available. Please see Attachment Four.

### 11. Williams Gateway Freeway Alignment

Construction of the Williams Gateway Freeway is a project in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan and is targeted for completion in the FY 2016-2020 time frame. The consultant firm of DMJM+HARRIS was hired by MAG to analyze alternative alignments for the facility, and to make a recommendation regarding a preferred alignment. This recommendation will be reviewed through the MAG committee

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend additions to the list of contingency projects that can utilize the FFY 2005 Final Closeout funds that may become available.

11. For information and discussion.

process, leading to consideration of a preferred alignment for adoption by the MAG Regional Council. The preferred alignment adopted by MAG would be transmitted to ADOT as input to their more detail design concept and environmental process, which will establish the final alignment for the facility. Please see the Draft Preferred Alignment Summary Report in Attachment Five.

12. Draft of the Arterial Street Life Cycle Program

The Regional Transportation Plan identified arterial street projects by five-year phases to be funded from the sales tax extension and MAG federal funds. As part of the development of the FY 2006 to FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), projects in the first phase were allocated to specific years. Based on the project information received from MAG members and the projected cash flow for the arterial street program, an updated, revised draft of the 20-year, annual life cycle program has been produced. Please see Attachment Six.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the draft Arterial Street Life Cycle Program.

13. For information and discussion.